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NEWS FROM POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

STATE BOARD AUTHORIZES SALE OF SKYLAND PROPERTY

On July 14, the Alabama State Board of Education authorized Shelton State, subject to the final approval of the Chancellor, Dr. Fred Gainous, and the Chancellor's legal office, to sell its Skyland Boulevard Campus. The actual sale of the property will require further approval by the Governor of the state.

The proposed sale price of the property is \$2,350,000.

Not included with this purchase is the property and houses located on 41st Street where the Wellness Center and Athletic offices were formerly housed. There are approximately 4 acres available with the houses.

"Shelton State's Skyland Boulevard Campus has been for sale due to the construction of its new campus. Cornerstone Ministries, Incorporated has agreed to enter into a lease purchase agreement for the Skyland property. Several previous purchases have failed to close. Dr. Umphrey advises that the sale of this property by a lease purchase agreement, under the described terms and conditions, is in the best interests of the institution," Dr. Gainous said as part of the official rationale announcing the sale of the property.

Students now able to access grades on the Internet

In addition to receiving their grades by telephone, Shelton students can now access their grades on the Internet, thanks to Shelton's VoiceFX. This "secure" service allows students to print a copy of their grades. Neither the students's name or security number appears on the screen with the grades. Spring Semester grades are currently available on the Internet. To see the following site, please use this address: www.getgrades.com.

Students who use the system should give their Student ID along with their date of birth. The last four numbers of the Grade Phone Line are 7722.

PLACES N' FACES

***BRENDA RYAN'S** review of the book, **BLACK AND BLUE**, was a huge success at the July Book Bag series. The next review will be on August 26.

*News on our former students - **LEAH HAMNER ALEXANDER** has returned to Tuscaloosa as an intern architect with Michael Ellis Architecture in Tuscaloosa. While at Shelton, Mrs. Alexander was a member of the Shelton Singers and was Miss Shelton State.

*Former Shelton Student, **DONALD JONES**, is now general manager of the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce. Jones was one of the first Ambassadors at Shelton State Community College and was very active in college affairs while at Shelton State.

*Did you know that 75% of the typical community college budget goes to services related to students, with more than half spent on instruction and academic support. *The American Association of Community Colleges.*

***MILADY MURPHY** spoke recently at the state Human Resource Personnel meeting. Her subject was "Wellness in the Workplace." Murphy was also the featured speaker for the state conference of housing directors which was held recently at Panama City, Florida. The subject was "Improving Life through Wellness."

*There were 19 correct entries to the last month's contest, "Where Were You in the 70's?" The song, "The Joker," by the Steve Miller Band was July's mystery song. Congratulations to **CINDY WYATT** whose name was randomly selected from a drawing of the 19 correct responses.

* Shelton State will have a Homecoming celebration this October. More information will come later. If you would like to be involved or have some ideas, please contact Lucy Kubiszyn, 2221.

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FROM THE EDITOR

The following eulogy was written by Jim and Joyce Jolly in memory of the late Sankey Sherer. Dr. Sherer, a long-time instructor at Shelton State, died recently after a lengthy illness.

A GENTLEMAN AND A SCHOLAR

How many times have we used, read, or heard this phrase? I knew the man who made this cliché true. His name was Sankey Sherer. Dr. Sherer was first a high school chemistry teacher and more recently taught chemistry at Shelton State, Stillman College, the University of Alabama, University of Montevallo, and Beville State. He was admired and loved at all institutions.

He was in a position to affect many lives in West Alabama, and he did. He was a remarkable teacher. As one of his adult students commented at his funeral, "He helped me to learn and understand chemistry while keeping my dignity in tact."

He was compassionate yet intense. Troubled students would often become his proteges until they 'find themselves' or develop some ambition or focus.

Not only was he generous with his time but with his money as well. Numerous kids were tutored, free of charge, into medical school or pharmacy or nursing or into their BAs, MAs or Ph.D.

He made sure that any of his nieces or nephews who wanted to go to college could afford to go. Other people who let their needs be known to Sankey would receive a year's rent, a stocked pantry, semester fees, the price of books, or one of his houses. In fact, he performed so many acts of financial humanity, we will never know about them all because Sankey was a humble man and did not like to talk about his good deeds.

Sankey Sherer was as comfortable with literary interpretation as he was with the periodic table. In particular, he loved the works of William Faulkner. He collected first editions of Faulkner's work and

presentations at Faulkner conventions. Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying* was in our anthology one semester, and Sankey visited my class to discuss and interpret this challenging book.

The discussion was so compelling, it sent chills up my spine. My students were spellbound. That a man of science would also spend time with literary fiction astonished them and made some of them consider literature as a worthwhile addition to their lives.

A man of principle and high moral character, Sankey was a loving and trusted friend. He could talk about so many things and so well. He was an endearing combination of old Southern charm and new age science. He was buried Saturday, July 18, 1998, in a small church cemetery in Jasper, Alabama. The world will not see his like again. Dr. Sherer was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

news from the dance department

SHELTON'S DEPARTMENT OF DANCE, pre-college division, will host an open house during the first day of registration on Saturday, August 22, from 2 - 4 p.m. in Room 141 of Shelton's dance studio. Spaces are available for children ages 4 and one-half years of age through high school. For more information concerning ballet classes, call 391-2317. Classes will begin on Monday, August 24.

AD AND BASKETBALL COACH NAMED

The new athletic director and men's basketball coach for 1998-99 has been named by the college. Jim Collins, golf coach for Shelton State, has been named athletic director for the college. Barry Mohun is the new basketball coach.

Mohun comes to Shelton from Prattville, AL, where he was basketball coach at Prattville High School. During

the 1998 season, he led Prattville to the best record in the school's history (27-8), an Area Championship, Regional Championship, and the Final Four of the AHSAA. He was named Metro Coach of the Year. In addition to head basketball coach, he was also the golf coach, cross-country coach, and a health and physical education teacher at Prattville High School.

He received a B.S. degree from Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1981. In 1989, he received his Master of Education degree from Northeast Louisiana University with a major in health and physical education and a minor in counseling.

Shelton Receives Notification of Funding of TRIO Program

ACCORDING TO STEVE COKER, director of institutional advancement, Shelton recently received a confirmation letter from Steven Pappas, director of federal TRIO programs, stating that Shelton will receive an allocation for four years of funding on the Martin Campus. The estimated budget is approximately \$920,000 over four years or around \$230,000 annually.

DON'T FORGET FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall Semester classes is August 19 and 20. Classes begin on Monday, August 24. Students may pick up copies of the Fall Schedule of Classes in the Counseling Center.